

Conference Presentations

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Tsehaye Teferra, Ph.D., President, ECDC

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Remarks from the Office of Refugee Resettlement

Robert Carey, Director, ORR

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Keynote Address

Catherine Wiesner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)

Remarks:

<http://www.state.gov/j/prm/releases/remarks/2015/241374.htm>

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

A Welcome Video Message

Mark Warner, U.S. Senator from the Commonwealth of Virginia

Video:

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Current Issues in Admission to the U.S.

Larry Bartlett, Director, Office of Admissions, (PRM), Department of State

Barbara Strack, Chief, Refugee Affairs Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

Shelly Pitterman, Regional Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Powerpoint: [Current Issues in Admissions to the United States](#)

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Break

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

Elizabeth Bellardo, Senior Program Manager, Humanitarian Practice & Protection, InterAction

Powerpoint: [The Basics Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse](#)

Employment Services Continuum: 3 Strategies that Work and One Critical Agency Policy

Lorel Donaghey, Program Manager, Higher

Powerpoint: [Employment Services Continuum 3 Strategies that Work and 1 Critical Agency Policy](#)

Community Outreach: Building Relationships with Communities and Policy Makers

Jen Smyers, Associate Director, Immigration and Refugee Policy, Church World Service (CWS)

Adamou Mohamed, Grassroots Organizer, CWS

Powerpoint: [Integration through Civic Engagement](#)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch with Guest Speaker

Felicia Escobar, Special Assistant to the President for Immigration Policy

Powerpoint: [Strengthening Communities by Welcoming All Residents](#)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

American Red Cross, Restoring Family Links Program: Building a Collective Social Media Engagement Strategies

Jonathan Dillion, Restoring Family Links Casework & Outreach Associate, American Red Cross

Liz Corrigan, Restoring Family Links Public Inquiry Associate, American Red Cross

Powerpoint: [Building Collective Social Engagement Strategies](#)

Serving Vulnerable Populations Through Intensive Case Management

*Cayenna Johnson, Family Stabilization Specialist,
ECDC/African Community Center, Denver*

Powerpoint: [Family Stabilization Services Program](#)

*Alison Burke, Clinical Case Manager, Northern Virginia
Family Service, Multicultural Center*

Powerpoint: [Strengths Based Clinical Case Management](#)

Immigration and Refugee Fraud

*Jacob Djaboury, HQ Refugee Officer, SVPI, Refugee Affairs
Division, USCIS*
*Erin Hottel, Africa Desk Officer, Refugee Affairs Division,
USCIS*

Powerpoint: [Fraud in the Refugee Context](#)

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Enhancing Self-Sufficiency with Financial Empowerment

Ben Miller, Consultant, ICF International
*Sybongile Cook, Financial Empowerment Trainer, ICF
International*
*Dave Sieminski, Policy Analyst, Consumer
Financial Protection Bureau*

Powerpoint: [Enhancing Self Sufficiency with Financial Empowerment Using CFPB's Your Money Your Goals toolkit with Refugees](#)

Addressing Gender Dynamics in Resettlement

*Oliver Williams, Ph.D., Co-Executive Director, Institute on
Domestic Violence in the African American Community
(IDVAAC)*

Fatima Porgho, Project Coordinator, IDVAAC

Using the Working Culture Framework to Train and Manage a Culturally Competent Team

Lucane Lafortune, Co-Director, Culture Works! Training Institute

Powerpoint: [Using the Working Culture Framework to Train and Manage a Culturally Competent Team](#)

6:30 p.m.

Affiliate Directors' Meeting with Dr. Tsehaye Teferra

Thursday April 30, 2015

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Integration, Immigration and Citizenship

León Rodríguez, Director, USCIS

8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Office of Refugee Resettlement: Programs, Challenges and New Initiatives

Ken Tota, Deputy Director, ORR

Ron Munia, Director, Division of Refugee Services, ORR

Curi Kim, M.D., MPH, Director, Division of Refugee Health, ORR

Carl Rubenstein, Director, Division of Refugee Assistance, ORR

Powerpoint: [Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

A Spotlight on Refugee Flows in Africa and Current Humanitarian Crisis in Syria

Mark Yarnell, Senior Advocate, Refugee International

Jane Bloom, Director, Washington Office, International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC)

Patrick Litanga, Ph.D. Student and Adjunct Faculty, American University

10: 45 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

Employment and Economic Empowerment: Know Your Rights

Jodi B. Danis, Acting Special Litigation Counsel, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice

Powerpoint: [Employment and Economic Empowerment Know Your Rights](#)

From the Clinic to the City: Refugee Mental Health Promotion and Screening in Resettlement

Margaret Fulda, Case Manager, Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative

Session for ECDC Affiliate R&P Staff: “90 days in 3 days” R&P Case Management Simulation –Post-Arrival Services (Part 3)

Session for ECDC Affiliate MG Staff: “Test Your Knowledge! Putting It All Together” (Activity 3)

12:15 p.m. – 1: 30 p.m.

Lunch and Networking

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

African Diasporas: A Resource for Effective Integration for Refugees and Immigrants

Patrick Litanga, Ph.D. Student and Adjunct Faculty, American University

Powerpoint: [African Diasporas An Effective Source for the Integration of Refugees and Immigrants](#)

Mapping Immigrant Populations in the United States

Safiya M. Khalid, Executive Director, Institute for Immigration Research, George Mason University (GMU)

James Witte, Ph.D., Director, Institute for Immigration Research, GMU

Joshua Tuttle, Research Fellow, Institute for Immigration Research, GMU

Powerpoint: [Mapping Immigrant Populations](#)

Session for ECDC Affiliate R&P Staff: “90 days in 3 days” R&P Case Management Simulation (Part 4)

Session for ECDC Affiliate MG Staff: “Achieving Goals with Smart Practices: Peer Exchange on Challenges and Best Practices” (Activity 4)

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Raising Our Collective Voice: A Path to Strengthening Newcomers’ Support Systems

Dan Kosten, Senior Vice President, U.S. Programs, World Relief

Yinka Aganga-Williams, Ph.D., Executive Director, Acculturation for Justice, Access and Peace Outreach (AJAPO)

Goitom Yoseif, Case Manager, ECDC/African Community Center, Arlington

Powerpoint: [Raising Our Collective Voice](#)

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Closing Remarks